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SUBJ: SCA CHAIRMAN MASHOUR'S INTEREST IN  
COE ASSISTANCE

REF: CAIRO 5970

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. SCA CHAIRMAN MASHOUR CALLED ON ME AUGUST 17 AT HIS REQUEST. ONE OF THE MATTERS THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING COE ASSISTANCE. HIS INTEREST IN THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. MASHOUR NOTED THAT THE COE HAS UNRIVALED EXPERIENCE IN THE MAINTAINANCE AND OPERATION OF INLAND WATERWAYS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED THIS EXPERTISE DURING FIVE MONTHS THAT HE SPENT IN TRAINING AT FORT BELVOIR AS A YOUNG MILITARY ENGINEER OFFICER. THE COE, HE SUGGESTED, COULD PROVIDE BADLY NEEDED TECHNICAL ADVICE AND QUALITY CONTROL ASSISTANCE IN THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND IN CONNECTION WITH SCA PLANS TO EXPAND IT.

3. SPECIFICALLY, MASHOUR INDICATED THE FOLLOWING AREAS WHERE SUCH COE ADVICE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL.

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A) A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE TECHNICAL

AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUEZ CANAL IN ORDER TO FIX AN OPTIMUM CROSS SECTION FOR ITS PLANNED EXPANSION.

B) ASSISTANCE IN TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING  
1) THE BREAKWATER DESIGN AT PORT SAID, 2) THE DESIGN OF THE REVETMENTS ALONG THE BANKS (MASHOUR SAID HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN TO GENERAL MORRIS FOR REVIEW THE SCA DESIGN FOR REVETMENTS, 3) TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM AND 4) ADVICE AND HELP IN RECRUITING NEW TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND THEIR TRAINING. SCA ALREADY HAS A SMALL TRAINING WORKSHOP, BUT MASHOUR BELIEVES A LARGER ONE WILL BE NEEDED IN THE FUTURE.

4. I TOLD MASHOUR THAT GENERAL MORRIS HAD SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT HIS BELIEF THAT COE COULD BE OF HELP TO THE SCA. I HAD SUBMITTED THIS FOR WASHINGTON'S CONSIDERATION AND MATTER WAS NOW UNDER STUDY. I THANKED HIM FOR GIVING ME THE ABOVE SPECIFICS, WHICH WOULD FACILITATE OUR CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST AND PROMISED TO LET HIM KNOW ONCE A REPLY WAS RECEIVED.

5. COMMENT: I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT MODEST COE ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT ONLY BE HELPFUL TO THE SCA, BUT ALSO TO FURTHERING OUR OBJECTIVE OF STABILIZING THE SUEZ CANAL AREA AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.  
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